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Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

In the absence of John McMahon, I want to thank you for your letter of 12 September. I am pleased that the briefings you received before your trip to the Soviet Union were helpful. I have passed on your thanks to the briefers and note that they were especially appreciative of the chance to debrief you and Eric Newsom upon your return.

Thank you for enclosing the statement you gave to Chairman Andropov on arms control issues. I fear that you are right and that indeed the Soviet leadership does not understand political realities in the U.S.

We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

/s/   
Clair E. George  
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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